

High the Garden Grows, Slow the River Flows



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Awake

Each Night
The Lord Gives Us Rest.
And By His Leave,
We Dream.

At Birth
We Awake From the Dream.
And Death
Is Our Return.

Play

Why Do We Suffer?
Why is Clay Put in the Fire?
To Make it Strong,
And Give it Form.

I Look Out
Into the World,
And Wonder.

If the World is a Trap
Lord Keep Me from It.
If the World is a Blessing,
Please Help Me Share It!

May the World
God Willing Be,
A Garden,
And Never a Prison.

For I Believe
In God's Bright Garden,
Enclosed and Beautiful.
With Nettles that Sting,
And Birds that Sing.

And I Believe
In God's Heartstring,
An Orchestra Of One.
Though I Cannot Say,
Only Play.

Garden

Thank You Lord
For Sweet Repose,
And Diamond-Studded Days.
For Destiny,
To Sweeten Souls
In Oh So Many Ways!

Without Your Light
To Guide Us By,
We Wouldn't Have a Clue.
Thank You Lord
For This our Life,
And Everything We Do.

Help Me Dear Lord
To See the Light.
To Find the Wrong,
And Make it Right.

Welcome to my Garden!
All my Friends are Here.
We Weed and Prune all Day,
With Never Doubt Or Fear.

All Life We Live in Wonder,
In Hardship Clarified.
The River Flows so Slowly,
In Heaven Crystallized.

Sometimes We can Fertilize
A World with Sacred Words,
But Seeds Grow Between Spaces.

Some must Take
But Others can Give.
All Together Now,
So We All may Live.

Birth

Last night I Slept
In my Mother's Womb.
A World the World is No Smarter Than.
A Face the World has yet to See,
Culminating in Me.

Life is Inexhaustible
So Fear Not.
Ours to Read,
What little we Know,
The Words that Time Forgot.

Is There no one to Hear my Song?
Or no Words to Convey
The Depth of my Heart?
Crying for Release in the World
And No longer in Dreams?

Is everyone just a Shell?
A Mask that makes you think they See?
Or are they Crying also,
Inside Seeing, Dreaming,
Waiting to be Seen?

Faith

Who Stole My Joy
And Didn't Say Why?
My Time to Live and Learn,
My Time to Suffer and Cry.

To Look for the Sun
And Howl at the Moon.
To Watch the Eclipse,
And Wait for the Bloom.

Caterpillars Do It
Why Can't We?
To Never Know Til We Get There
What Will Be.

For I've Seen the Beautiful
Don't Let Me Forget!
The Place to Repine,
The World to Forget.

Why?

There are those who are Out

And Wish they were In.

What about those who are In,

And Wish they were Out?

Why were we Born into the World?

Was it to Slave in a Pit of Despair?

Or Be Free?

Was it to see Death In All Places?

Or Fly?

Aren't We Here to Remember

We're Not our Bodies,

But Joy Supernal!

From the Heart of Joy.

And Finding our Joy

Don't we find our Heart?

Isn't Each Moment Unique

In the Eternal Becoming?

Just Look into a Child's Eye

And you'll See the When,

And you'll See the Why.

For Looking in Those Eyes

Is Surely to See,

All That Is,

And All That can Be!

Be Still

Be Still My Beating Heart

So I may Live!

Like the Picture in My Mind's Eye,

And All I see Truly Living.

It's All I Ask,

And All I'm Fighting For.

Not Only to Taste the Sweet

And Fall Again once more.

But Stay Afloat,

Upon a Cloud,

Of Life-Enriched Treasures.

Peace

Just a little more Time
To Sleep in my Waking Dream.
Before the Pain of Moment-induced existence
Again...

To Sleep in Sweet Surrender,
That's what I Dream of.
For Things as they were,
Forever...

The Good without the Bad,
For All Sin is Forgetting.
And when All is Said and Done,
Who can matter to God but Children?

Is Life half over
When We Finally stop Fighting?
And Known,
When We're willing to Drift Away?

Wouldn't it be Strange
If Dreams were Billions of Light years away?
And One Day,
Curling up Within Ourselves,
There We'll Be?

Catharsis

My Life is in Thorns
That Leave me Cut and Torn.
Tempting me to Turn Around,
To a Place that's Old and Warm.

But there I'll Never Be,
Only here am I truly Free!

Pressing on,
Before too long,
These Thorns have let me be!

Now I have the Light
And with it Sight,
To Find my Destiny.

I See Today
As a Brighter Day,
Where Only my Scars are Fixed.
They'll always Stay,
But Everyday
Will Hurt a little Less.

Hope

I Cannot Hear the Silence
Though I Know it's there to Find.
If I met up with an Angel,
He'd tell me I was Blind.

"It's All in where you're Looking,
Nothing's There for you to Find.
It's All found in the Heartstring,
There your Soul can touch the Sky."

Now I'm looking for the Answer
In a Life devoid of Chance.
Can you tell me where I'm Going,
For it seems My Life is Past?

He tells me just to keep on Walking,
With my Eyes toward the Sun.
For in those Eyes I'll see the Heartstring,
And I'll Know It's the only One.

The Boy Who Tried

There once was a Boy who Tried.

He Tried to Walk,

He Tried to Run,

He Tried to Touch the Sky.

Although He Always Fell.

His Life He Lives in Holiness,

With Eyes Toward the Sun.

For Truth it comes through Bitter Tears

And Only Then You Run.

One Day His Peace will Always Be,

When All is Swept Away.

For Only Then He'll Truly See

His Whole Eternity!

Not in His Mind

But in His Soul,

To See the Blessed Sun.

To Walk Upon the Golden Sands

In Peace Forevermore.

Mother

My Mother Loves Me
This I Know.
For Her Heart
It Tells me So!

In the Dawning of the Night
She'll Be There with Love and Light.
And In the Closing of My Day,
There Her Heart Will Always Stay.

I Truly Believe
In God's Heartstring.
Played by the Angels,
Just For Us.

To Be Happy for Everything
And Sad for Nothing.
For the Race is Run,
We Won!

Love

The Stars Look very different Tonight.
It Must be the Glow behind your Light!
Though some would say it comes from You,
My Love provides the final Clue.

Just like a Candle Burning Bright
That's Strong enough for Angels' Sight.
There's Nothing more to Turn me On,
Then being kept Warm beneath your Sun.

Come to my Naked
Come to my Blind.
I'll be your Footsteps,
I'll be your Wine.

Come to me Holy
Come to me Grande.
Don't look for Answers,
Just take my Hand.

Life is a Dance.
Will you Dance with Me?
For I am not truly Born,
Until I'm Born in Thee.

You must know the Truth,
Forever Yours I'll Be.
So come take my Hand
And we'll Dance Eternity!

Reflection

We All Come from
A Single Soul.
I Die in You,
You Live in Me.

In the Place where Dreams Live
Tried and True.
Known to None,
Just We Two.

I Remember You
My Precious Angel.
Hope for Hope,
Care for Care.

Never Again in Fear and Despair,
Never Again Alone!

And When He Knew His Soul
He said, "I Love You."
And She Said
"I Love You Too."

Sun

The Budding Flower
Needs Goodly Care,
Of Soil, Sun and Rain.
Else it will Fly back to Heaven.

I Offer You My Garden,
The One with the Open Gate.
Yours to Live and Love to Give,
Forever, Don't Be Late!

The Sky Above Your Head,
And Stars That Truly Shine.
The Earth Your Only Bed,
The Sun Your Only Wine.

Life

We are All Branches
Of the Beautiful Tree.
Yours to Climb,
Mine to See.

To Reach the Canopy
In Fragrant Bloom.
And Find Us All,
In Love's Return.

If Love is a Flower
Then I Am the Earth,
And You are the Sun.

If Love is a Meadow
Then I Am the Buck,
And You are the Fawn.

If Love is All-Encompassing
Then I Am the Night,
And You are the Dawn!

Baby

I Found this Treasure
In the Snow.
A Heart,
The World is no Smarter Than.
A Gift the World Has Yet to See,
Culminating in Thee.

When I See You
I'm not afraid to Die!
Not Afraid to let Go
Like Slumber,
After a Long, Hard Day,
Safe with the Memories,
In Love.

For You Are My Precious Angel
Who Will Always Be,
As Pure as Gold,
And Bright As Diamonds.

When you Follow your Mother's Love
To the Moon and Back,
May You Find Me There.

When You See Yourself
In the Mirror of Eternity,
May you Know
Though Something Has Yet to be Complete,
It Always Was,
And Always will Be.

Spring

Are These Stolen Moments
Beautiful and Slow,
When the Wind Whistles,
And the Branches Blow?

When More is Given
And More is Asked,
And the Thorns Cut Deeper,
But the Roses Last.

When All is at Peace
And the Heart is Alive,
And Truth is Illumined
In the Blink of an Eye.

When We Hear the Beautiful Music
And We Hear the Trumpet Play,
Upon the Everlasting Sunshine
Of a Bright New Day!

World

When you Tread
Into the Woods at Night,
Don't Forget Your Thread.
The Golden One,
That Comes from God,
To Lead you Home Again.

There Once was a Dream,
It Followed me Home.
It Kept Me Up Nights,
It Darkened My Soul.

It Gave me the Chills,
In Spite of my Heart.
There Once was a Dream,
That We Were Apart.

Please Wake Me Dear Lord,
To Walk in the Sun.
To Swim in the Sea,
And Know You're the One!

Human

A Reflector Can Never Be
That Which it Reflects.
Nor Can a Human Ever Be,
That Which Created Him.

Open the Body
And You Will Find Something.
Open the Mind,
And Find Something Else.

Our Walking Miracle
And Bag of Gas and Guts.
Our Path through Darkness,
To Light.

I Don't Know the Answer,
But Thank you Lord
For the Question!

Religion

In Our Search
For Objective Truth,
We Find Subjective Reality.

Every Person
With a Story and a Path.
When You've Read Their Story,
And Walked Their Path,
May You Know.

The Wise,
Looking For the Truth
Behind the Story,
Find Love and Live!

As Worlds Convulse
In Their Birthing Pains,
And Stars Collide and Renew.
As Earth Comes Back To Its Own Again
Shining Brightly,
Holy and New.

For Nothing is Separate
Only Seeming So.
The Further In,
The Further Out we Go!

Revelation

Aren't We Here
To Reach Back to the Perfection
Before Birth?

Adonai Echad,
Alladhī Khalaqakum
Min Nafsin Wāhidatin?

The Old and New Testament,
Two Sides of God's Coin.
And the Qur'an
How to Spend it?

"Love thy Neighbor"
And "Obey the Law."
"Turn the Other Cheek"
And "Keep God's Religion
In Your Heart."

When You Can Thank God
For Everything
And Everyone.
Therein Lies Peace.

When You Can Love God
With All Your Heart
And All Your Soul.
All Become Lovable.

But Only the Pure of Heart can See.
All Else,
Confusion Be.

Zion

It's Not for Us to Know
But to Live and Grow.
Not for Us to See,
But Glimpses of Eternity!

In a World of Chaos
We have Religion.
In a World of Religion,
Reality.

Then Why do we Brutalize Our Palestine?
And Why do we shoot Our Children?
Who's to say who are Good guys or Bad?
Who's to say what part we Play?

Where can the Rage go
When They Live to Avoid?
When to Wade Through is Sickness,
And to be Numb is Death?

For the Babies
And Mothers of All,
Truly Weep
And grow Silent,
After the Bombs have Fallen.

Can We Know Why We're En-chained
And how to Break Them?
Or Know the Beautiful Garden,
And Where to Find it?

For if YHWH, Allah and God are One,
Why Isn't a Good Jew
Also a Good Muslim?

War

In Life's Enchantment Sweet
We Find
Sorrow Before,
And Sorrow Behind.

To Live and Love
Their only Crime.
In Procreation,
Death They Find.

Fear is the Mother of Violence
And What Puts the Gun in Your Hand.
Removed Like a Veil,
And All We See
Is the Machine that Kills.

That Which we Abhor
And Despise.
But for Fear,
The Mother of Violence.

How Can We Find Those
Who No Longer Hear Their Heart?
Who Keep Peace with War,
And Prevent Terror with Terror?

For When we chose Ruthlessness
And Become the Enemy.
Then We All Lose,
And No One can Win.

Folly

All Life is born in Love
And all Hate in Poison.
All War in Self-Defense,
The Only one worth Fighting.

All the Misled
Are Taken as One.
Brainwashed,
To their Own Undone.

This is the Hell
You have made.
Time for Death,
And Chaos Laid.

This is the Blood
You have Spilled.
Coming back,
No one will.

This is the Trap
You have Sprung.
Into the Gate,
You're the One.

This is the War
You have Won.
Come on In,
Now you're Done!

Regret

There are Two Roads.
One Leads Home,
And One out to Pasture.
One to a Warm Fire,
And One to the Pyre.

From Sleep we Wake,
To Sleep we Fall.
And unto Death
We Follow All.

Had I but Known,
Would not have Left.
Your Treasure Still
Inside Me Kept.

I Wish

I Wish I May,

I Wish I Might.

I Wish I were in Heaven Tonight!

To See the Stars upon the Sky,

The Diamond-Studded Carriage Ride.

To Know that I am Near to Them,

Within the Vast Empyrean.

I Know My Life would be in Bliss,

With Just the Thought of Heaven's Kiss!

Home

There Once was Life Here
But Now it's Gone.
There Once was a Forest,
There Once was Home.

So Run Along Now
And Sing Your Love Song.
Supper is Ready,
It Won't Be Long.

And Plant Your Seeds
With a Good and Open Heart.
Finding What You Don't Know,
The Whole in Every Part.

Once

Once in a Lifetime
I Often Pray.
Once in a Lifetime,
For a Perfect Day.

With No More Shadows
And None to Obscure.
Where All God's Children,
Are Free as a Bird.

For Walking in Holiness
I Often Pray.
For Just One More Glimpse,
Of that Perfect Day!

Thank You

Lord of Goodness
Lord of Light.
Lord of All
That Makes Things Right.

Thank You Lord
For this Beautiful Day!
Please Bless Us,
And Keep Us,
And Show Us the Way.

I Love You Dear Lord
With All My Heart.
Please be with us Always,
And Never Part.

Thank you Lord
For Everything.
For You are my Lord,
And You make me Sing!

I Don't want to Want
Or Have to Feel,
Beyond Myself,
For what is Real.

Just let me Dream,
To Have To Hold.
To Take Up to Heaven,
Until I Grow Old.

Death

Why can't it Come
Welcomed by the Buzzing, Chirping,
Invitation of Communion?

Aren't we Black Holes
And Make a Supernova?
Riding Free,
To End in Singularity?

Isn't Heaven Where Everything Exists at Once,
Our Notes to Compare?
Where timelines meet all Timelines,
And We Finally Remember?

So Never Fear
Not Really Alone.
Just a Change like any other,
With a Step into Unknown.

And when it Comes,
Know that it will Be,
Like a Bright, Spring Morning
Sailing Slowly out to Sea.

Requiem

When my Remains Vanish
Know they are not Me.
What I Am, as what I Was,
Is only like a Dream.

Just Call out my Name
And Hold out your Hand.
Search for me in the Past,
Hope for me in the Future.

When I'm Gone
Know that I Will Be,
Love by your Side,
Throughout Eternity.

For When All the Crying's Done
And all the Dreams Dreamt,
When Nothing stands between Love and Death,
Is the Eternal Dream met!

Parting Thoughts

1. Peace through understanding.

2. Justice through all peaceful means. As a recognition of the inherent coherence of the World's Religions, a foundation of peaceful coexistence between communities. It is imperative to implement a just, and internationally-secured two-state solution in the Holy Land.

3. Intolerance of all terror from any nation, group, or individual.

4. Terrorism (a word of fear shared by all guilty) includes collateral damage, including the death, maiming, and property destruction of all non-combatants.

5. The innocent loss of life, infinitely precious and sacred, must be the standard by which all actions by all parties must be judged.

6. Justification of acts of death and destruction by blaming an enemy must always be unacceptable.

These are my Questions
And Answers Given.
For a Poor Man,
Whose Soul is Forgiven.

Please Take what you Will
And Leave the Rest.
May Your Path be Straight,
And Your Life Blest.

For I Love Everyone
And in Their Own Way.
With No Designs to Capture,
And Lead Astray.

All I Can Share is a Vision
And Hope for Clarity.
A World All Can be Free,
With no Chains on Thee.

For Only by being Free
Can Good Truly Be.

My Decree in the World
God Willing will Be,
No.
Slow.
Give.
Forgive.